

the fee represent the value of the service rendered to the workman or its value in terms of the physician's skill and time? What is the just basis for all fees? Send in your views. If so desired, your letter or name will not be published. The object is to secure widespread expression of view along these lines from the doctors of the state to the intent that, so far as possible, defects and abuses may be corrected, and the physician's interests protected.

Let us take counsel together, ascertain, make definite and classify any remediable defects in the economic situation arising under this statute, and if the same can be remedied so as to secure more beneficial results for that portion of the public concerned and for the medical profession, let us unitedly endeavor to effect such changes.

SURE CURE FOR INFLUENZA.

With all the multitudinous remedies and preventives recommended of recent months for influenza, it is a relief, indeed, to be offered a simple, safe and sure cure which is available for everyone. This cure and panacea did not originate with any of the old-fashioned doctors who have been groping around for cures and preventives. The discoverer reports that influenza germs enter the body through eyes and ears, as well as through nose and mouth. His cure creates a condition in the blood similar to that following the use of diphtheria antitoxin. This gem of purest ray was discovered in the news columns of the San Francisco "Bulletin" very recently; but read for yourself:

COAL OIL DECLARED CURE FOR INFLUENZA.

Berkeley, January 18, 1919.

Editor "The Bulletin": Seeing your Dr. Hassler in so much trouble, your supervisors agitated and frantically passing ordinances compelling people to wear rags on their faces, I fly to the rescue.

Influenza germs are not always limited to the mouth and nose; they find entrance to the system through the eye and ear. Any doctor with horse sense will tell you that. But there is a preventive and a cure for the malady in reach of everyone—coal oil. Laugh, you wise ones, laugh; but I KNOW.

I've used it in two epidemics like this one and cured scores of friends who had it, and prevented the disease in hundreds of others. A teaspoonful of coal oil given a child twice a day, morning and evening, will prevent "flu," and a tablespoonful will do the same for an adult. Two tablespoonfuls three times a day will cure the worst case, provided it has not developed into pneumonia, and in that it will help. The coal oil creates a condition in the blood similar to that produced by the antitoxin used in diphtheria cases, and the germ cannot exist.

Before using the oil should be filtered through a fine cloth to remove sediment. It isn't bad to take, not half as bad as it would seem at first blush, and IT DOES THE WORK. It makes me tired to see these old-fashioned physicians groping around for cures and preventives when this simple remedy is right at hand. I suppose it is because the statement is not included in the pharmacopeia. Tell your readers to try it once. If it doesn't do all I claim for it, I will eat my hat.

Yours truly, WM. MORTON.

Verily, our best advice is to follow the instruction of the writer quoted, and "Laugh, you wise ones, laugh." What a receptacle of wisdom and exponent of sound mental hygiene is a newspaper which furnishes such valuable medical and scientific information to its readers and recommends, possibly as a means of lessening the fear of disease, such excellent oft-exposed remedies as nuxated iron, tanlac, S. S. S., together with the wares of certain Chinese herbalists and pseudo-medical specialists. Great is the modern press, and great the misjudgment by some of its members of what the decent public wants.

DRUGGISTS AND THE VENEREAL CAMPAIGN.

According to the Social Hygiene Monthly approximately forty-five thousand retail druggists of the country are being asked to co-operate with the United States Public Health Service in its campaign to control venereal infection among the civilian population. A letter from Surgeon-General Rupert Blue has been mailed to them, together with a pledge of co-operation which each druggist is asked to sign and return. A certificate evidencing his co-operation with the Government in this campaign will then be mailed to the druggist, together with literature to hand to persons who call, without a physician's prescription, for preparations commonly confined to the self-treatment of venereal disease. The pledge which druggists are asked to sign reads as follows:

Appreciating the seriousness of venereal diseases among the armed forces of the United States, as indicated by the reports of the Surgeon General of the United States Army, and desirous of doing whatever is requested by the Government in the war emergency, this store hereby pledges its best efforts in co-operating with the United States Public Health Service and all health officials to reduce the venereal disease scourge among civilians, and specifically does it agree:

1. Not to prescribe or recommend any remedy for a venereal disease.
2. After this date not to purchase a "proprietary remedy" to be sold to the public for the self-treatment of a venereal disease, and not to sell any such "remedy" after December 1, 1918.
3. To refill only such prescriptions for the treatment of venereal disease as were given originally to the customer by a reputable physician who is still in charge of the case.
4. To cause literature furnished by the Surgeon General to be handed to every person asking, without a physician's prescription, for a remedy customarily confined to the treatment of a venereal disease. Further, to direct the applicant to a reputable physician, to a board of health, or to an approved venereal clinic.

The trade of this store numbers approximately people per week.

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A similar form of pledge was adopted by the United Drug Company during a recent meeting in Boston.